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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda and annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the UNCTAD Secretariat

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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   (b) Technological capacity-building in developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, and in countries undergoing the process of transition to market-economy;

   (c) Transfer and development of environmentally sound technologies

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3. Provisional agenda for the final (third) session of the Working Group

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the second session was approved by the Ad Hoc Working Group at its 4th (closing) meeting on 29 January 1993.

A proposal for the organization of work of the second session is given in section III below.

Item 2: Interrelationship between investment and technology transfer:
(a) Investment flows, transfer of technology and competitiveness;
(b) Technological capacity-building in developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, and in countries undergoing the process of transition to market-economy;
(c) Transfer and development of environmentally sound technologies

As stated under this agenda item, the discussion will be based on the presentation of preliminary or final country case studies and other relevant reports. The UNCTAD secretariat is, therefore, circulating the country case studies in the form and language in which they were received. 1/

In response to the request made in the Work Programme of the Ad Hoc Working Group, 2/ the secretariat has prepared two reports entitled respectively: (i) "Review of the work of the United Nations system and selected organizations dealing with investment-related technology issues" (TD/B/WG.5/6), and (ii) "Fostering technological dynamism: evolution of technology capacity-building and competitiveness" (TD/B/WG.5/7).

The first report provides a review and presents a synthesis of activities on investment-related technology issues carried out by the United Nations system and other selected organizations dealing with areas of concern to the Working Group.

The second report is based on the review and analysis of literature on technological capacity-building and on the role of technology in the international competitiveness of nations and enterprises. The report constitutes an extensive summary of a more comprehensive report which will be published as a United Nations publication. The literature sources that have been consulted in preparing the review are listed in background document UNCTAD/ITD/TEC/12.

In addition to the above documents, the secretariat is also submitting the report of the Workshop on Transfer and Development of Environmentally Sound Technologies held in Oslo, from 13 to 15 October 1993, as part of the work programme of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Item 3: Provisional agenda for the third (final) session of the Ad Hoc Working Group

A draft provisional agenda for the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group will be submitted to the Working Group for its consideration.

Item 4: Other business

Item 5: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Trade and Development Board

Paragraph 12 of the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group states that the Working Group shall submit a final report on the results of its work to the Trade and Development Board.

III. TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday 13 December	10. a.m.	Plenary Opening of the meeting Item 1 and introduction of Item 2. (Interrelationship between investment and technology transfer). Informal meeting Guest speakers and panel of experts invited by the secretariat
	15. p.m.	idem
Tuesday 14 December	10. a.m.	Informal meeting Presentation of country case studies by national experts
	15. p.m.	idem
Wednesday 15 December	10. a.m.	idem
	15. p.m.	idem
Thursday 16 December	10. a.m.	Informal meeting Continuation of consideration of Item 2 and discussion of the secretariat reports
	15. p.m.	Informal consultations
Friday 17 December	10. a.m.	idem
	15. p.m.	Final plenary Item 3: Provisional agenda for the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group Item 4 : Other business Item 5: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

Notes

1/ The secretariat will attempt to circulate in one single document the executive summaries of the case studies as provided by the Governments.

2/ See report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Interrelationship between Investment and Technology Transfer on its first session (TD/B/WG.5/4), annex I, para. 7.